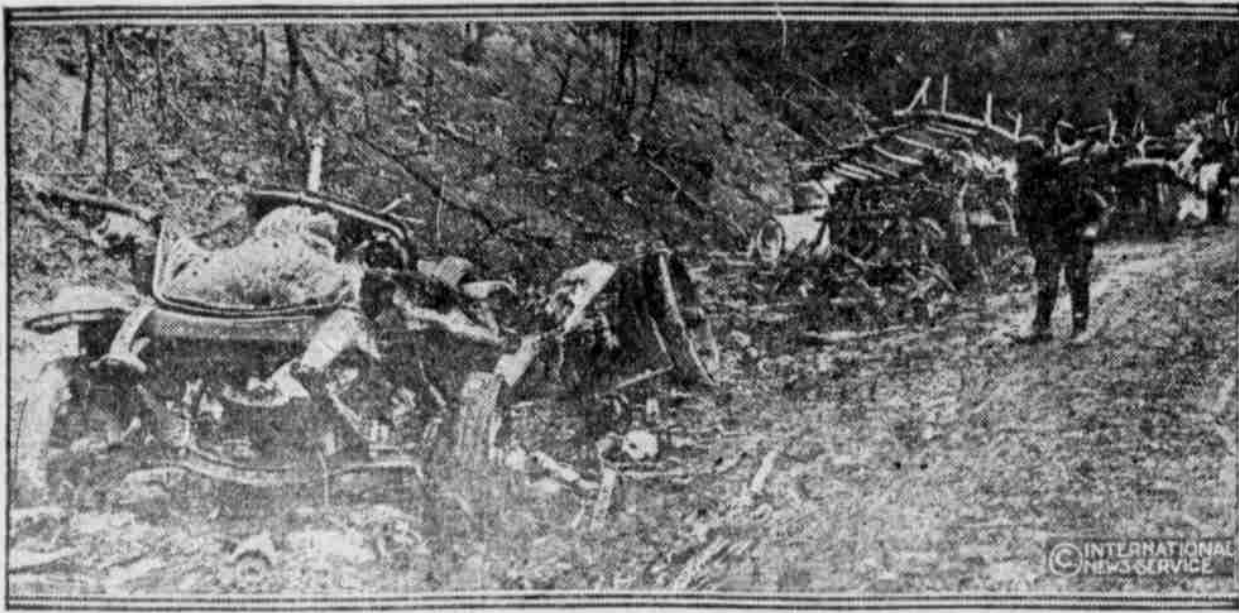


## GERMAN MOTOR TRAIN DESTROYED BY FRENCH



This German motor train was attacked by French dragoons in the forest of Villers-Cotteret and utterly destroyed.

GERMAN FORCES  
MAKING GAINS

Allies' Attempt to Push Kaiser's Troops Back Admitted to Have Failed.

## FRENCH FORTS TAKEN

Reports From Amsterdam Are Unfavorable to the Defenders—Russians and Austrians Both Claim Victories on the Eastern Front—Minor News.

On the Battle Front, via The Hague, Oct. 24.—The allies' vigorous attack on the German lines before Lille has failed. The French and British are being driven steadily to the westward.

The principal gains of the Germans during the day were made in the vicinity of La Bassée. The Germans made a sortie and fell on the allies' lines, which retired in some confusion.

The Germans' gain at La Bassée was greater than at any other portion of the line, but the day saw large accessions to the territory occupied by the Teuton armies all along the battle front.

Two French Forts Taken. The German attack on Belfort, by which route it is hoped to hurl the Kaiser's armies again toward Paris, is proceeding. Two French forts to the south of the main fortress have capitulated to the Germans, the garrisons withdrawing to the greater stronghold. The development at Belfort, coming close upon successful operations at Verdun and the holding of St. Mihiel against tremendous odds, is believed here to presage the final breaking of the republic's line of defenses.

The French army has captured Altkirch, Upper Alsace, at the point of the bayonet. This is the fifth time Altkirch has changed hands since the war began.

The battles to the north, particularly between La Bassée and the sea, and to the east, between the Meuse and the region about St. Mihiel and about Verdun, are being waged with undiminished energy.

The ferocity of the encounters where the British and French have come in contact with the invaders around Arras (La Bassée and Arras), incident to the allied armies' advance upon Lille, is unparalleled in the history of war. The carnage has been frightful.

French Retreat Admitted. The net result of the day's fighting in this region has been gains at considerable cost for the allies at points to the east of Arras, while about La Bassée the French and British have been forced to retreat at some places in the face of the desperate assaults directed by the Germans. The gains by one side have been offset by those of the other and the effect on the situation has been insignificant.

Belgians on Offensive. The Germans, heavily supported by their mammoth howitzers, are still on the offensive against the Belgians, led by their king and supported by French troops, with British and French monitors on the sea and British monitors in the canal, lending the aid of their long range gun fire, while air scouts direct their range.

The battle has resolved itself into a duel of big guns. The allies, by reason of their long range guns, have had the advantage up to now.

Although pushed back at several points, the Kaiser's forces appear to be holding their line between the sea

and La Bassée, the extent of the front in this distinct engagement.

Berlin Official Report. Berlin, Oct. 24, via London.—An official announcement from German army headquarters dated October 23, says:

"On the Yser canal yesterday we gained successes. South of Dixmunde our troops advanced.

"West of Lille our attacks were successful; we took possession of several villages.

"On the rest of the western front it is generally quiet.

"In the eastern theater of the war the Russian attacks near West Augustowo have been repulsed. We captured several machine guns."

Plan Invasion of England. The Hague, Oct. 20.—Germany, according to information received here from Berlin, is preparing to deal Great Britain a decisive blow. The scheme is to disembark several army corps somewhere in the south of England, while the grand fleet is occupied with fighting the German fleet in the North sea.

German experts believe the plan will be entirely successful.

According to this information, as soon as the last resistance of the Belgian army is disposed of there will be a great movement of landsturm troops from central Germany to Ostend and Zeebrugge, where they will await an opportunity to cross to the English shore and march on London, where Zeppelins and Taubes will have caused havoc and demoralized the population.

Looks for Great Sea Fight. While this is taking place Admiral von Ingenhoff's fleet, now confined at Wilhelmshaven, will steam out into the North sea for the great fight.

These German calculations rest on the hypothesis that the south coast of England will be left absolutely without protection, all of Admiral Sir John Jellicoe's ships being engaged in the great North sea battle.

The German newspapers, by way of preparing public opinion for this great stroke, publish extravagant dispatches dilating on British nervousness and the fear of unavoidable destruction by Germany.

On the Eastern Front. Petrograd, Oct. 22.—Russians have won a great victory over the German main forces, which are in full retreat. The force now beaten is Germany's best army against Russia.

It was operating toward Warsaw between the Dvina and Piltza, contents of the Vistula. The German forces are still holding their positions, but this is merely a matter of time, since the latter are now on the flank and partly to the rear of the other German armies.

In their retreat before the Russian forces the Germans abandoned their wounded and evacuated a strongly entrenched position, where they were expected to make a stand.

Russ Say Kaiser Is Routed. London, Oct. 24.—The Russians are reported in dispatches from Petrograd to have taken Pzemyel and turned the Germans and Austrians back in disorderly rout in the ten-day battle which has been raging along the line of the Vistula, with 5,000,000 men engaged. The German army alone is said to have lost 200,000 men in the fighting in Poland. The report of the capture of Pzemyel has not been confirmed.

The Austrian army also has won successes against the Russians who invaded the crown land of Bukowina, according to a statement by the general staff given out in Vienna, which says Czernowicz, capital of Bukowina, has been retaken by the Austrians.

Petrograd dispatches say the plan to capture Warsaw and possess both banks of the Vistula during the winter campaign is said to have been wrecked, as the retreat of the left wing will cause the Teuton forces op-

gave plenty of trouble to the pound-keeper, whose war-reduced staff already had enough to do in collecting the thousands of animal pets abandoned during the exodus of Parisians when the siege of the city was threatened.

In these last weeks the exodus of the unfortunate population of the North brought to Paris a certain quantity of stray cats. Dogs were also "Belgian refugees." And then there has been the dispersion in Paris of cats and dogs abandoned by their

crating around Ivangorod and Sandomir to retreat also.

Austria Tells of Victories. A Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam gives the following Austrian official report issued at Vienna:

"In the battle of both banks of the River Strwiaz, south of Pzemyel, we succeeded in pushing forward our attack south of the river. On the heights southeast of Svant and Sambor two fortified positions of the Russians which run in parallel directions have been occupied by us. Northwest of Svant and Sambor our fighting line came nearer the road to Starasol.

"Our troops have entered Czernowitz, Bukowina."

Minor News of the War. Emden Takes More British Ships. London, Oct. 22.—A Lloyd's dispatch from Cöchin says that the British steamer Emden has been captured by the German cruiser Emden off the Malabar coast.

Another Lloyd's dispatch reports the sinking of the British steamers Chilka, Trolies, Benmore and Clan Grant, as well as a dredger off the Colombo coast.

The German cruiser Emden has to her credit the sinking of 14 British steamers and the capture of three other vessels flying the union jack.

Say Lille Is Destroyed. London, Oct. 23.—The Daily Telegraph Boulogne correspondent, who left Lille Wednesday morning, says: "Lille is a mass of ruins and ashes. On Monday evening the Germans entered the town. The bombardment ceased, but distant firing still was heard south of the town until one o'clock in the morning."

Diet Votes \$375,000,000. Berlin, Oct. 22.—The Prussian diet met during the day and passed war bills in all three stages, including one bill granting a credit of 1,500,000,000 marks (\$375,000,000).

1,000,000 Men Sent to Front. London, Oct. 22.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company from Petrograd says it is semi-officially stated that the number of German troops sent to the eastern and western theaters of the war since the middle of September is 1,000,000.

Report Emden Sunk. London, Oct. 24.—A dispatch from Bombay to the Morning Post dated October 22 says:

"A rumor is current today in the London seacoast towns that the German cruiser Emden has at last been put out of the way, but no substantial confirmation is obtainable.

"Practically all the Indian newspapers agree in demanding that something be done to restore the security of Indian shipping, the almost total derangement of which, through the Emden's raids, is affecting home no less than Indian industries."

Karlruhe Sinks 13. London, Oct. 24.—The admiralty tonight issued a report in which it was stated that the German cruiser Karlruhe had captured twelve British steamers and one Dutch steamer in the Atlantic.

Barges to Invade England. Copenhagen, Oct. 25 (via London).—Two shipyards at Kiel—the Germania and the Howard—are building 20 armored lighters, capable of carrying 500 men each and traveling at the rate of nine miles an hour, to proceed to the River Scheldt should events permit the landing of German troops on the coast of England. Furthermore, it is asserted that three of these lighters are completed and already on their way to Scheldt. The Germans are building an alrshaped in Schleswig for two large Zeppelins.

German Sinks 13 British Ships. London, Oct. 25.—A dispatch from Tenerife, Canary Islands, to the Daily Mail, reports that the German cruiser Karlruhe has sunk 13 British merchantmen in the Atlantic.

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Official Bulletin From Berlin Claims Many German Successes

FRENCH SAY POSITIONS IN CENTER ARE BEING HELD

Turkey Assures the Ambassadors of Great Britain That She Intends to Maintain Her Policy of Neutrality.

London.—The following official bulletin issued by the main headquarters of the German army, has been transmitted here by wireless for the press:

"The fighting along the Yser, or Ypres canal has been extraordinarily stubborn, but we have effected a crossing in the north with large forces.

"East of Ypres, and southwest of Lille, our troops have advanced slowly after very heavy fighting.

"Our troops have advanced in the Argonne forest region, where they made a number of prisoners and captured several machine guns. Two French flying machines also were shot down to the north of Toul.

"Near Firey, the French refused to grant an armistice which we offered to enable them to bury their dead and remove the injured.

"The Russians renewed their attacks to the west of Augustowo, but were driven back.

"The Swedish steamer Alice struck a mine outside of Lowestoft and nine of the crew were lost.

"The king of Saxony has bestowed on the Kaiser, the Ritterkreuz and the Grosskreuz of the military Order of St. Heinrich. The Kaiser, in return, bestowed on the king of Saxony, the Order of the Iron Cross, of the first and second class.

"The Serbo-Montenegrin advance into Bosnia has been repulsed with heavy losses to the enemy.

"The government of Bombay has published a statement relating to the cruiser Emden, according to which all of the Indian sea routes are again considered sufficiently safe.

"The French official communique, issued Friday, spread depression among the public and caused a panic in Paris. The communique admitted that the allies had retreated between the sea and LaBassée, and the midnight bulletin was still more pessimistic in tone. To allay further apprehension, an official statement was issued two hours later, intimating that the battle front had shifted 200 kilometers to the northward."

French Claim Some Advances. Of the battles on the center and left wing, the German report does not speak, but the French declares they are maintaining their positions in the Argonne and on the heights of the Meuse and have destroyed three more German batteries. From unofficial sources it is learned that the French have made some advance in the mountains along the Alsace border.

In Poland, a very heavy battle is now in progress between the fortresses of Ivangorod and Radom, where the Germans and Austrians, who were defeated in their first attempt to cross the Vistula before the former city, have made a stand against the Russians, who have followed in the hope of destroying them.

Both sides have, according to their own reports, made prisoners and captured guns, but the battle which extends over a front of twenty-six miles has not yet been decided.

The Austrians are still making a bold effort to cross the River San, and are carrying on a splendid fight south of Pzemyel in the hope of reaching and recapturing Lemberg.

The Montenegrins admit that they have had to withdraw to their previous positions along the Bosnian frontier after an attack by a superior force of Austrians. The latter, in fact, seem to have made a wonderful recovery and to be fighting in a manner, of which their first performances in the war hardly gave promise.

Turkey, which it was believed at one time had decided to throw in her lot with Germany, has again assured the ambassadors of Great Britain, France and Russia that she intends to maintain her policy of neutrality. Turkey, however, continued her military activities and is collecting transport animals, which, it is said, are destined for the Egyptian frontier. It is considered that the presence of strong Russian forces on the Turkish border has influenced her not to take any action against the allies.

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## MARKET QUOTATIONS

Live Stock, Grain and General Farm Produce.

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DETROIT.—Cattle: Receipts, 1,735; market for canners steady; all others 25¢@50¢ lower and dull; best heavy steers, \$3; best handy weight steers, \$7.50@7.75; mixed steers and heifers, \$6.50@7; handy light butchers, \$6.25@6.75; light butchers, \$6@6.25; best cows, \$6@6.25; butchers cows, \$5@5.50; common cows, \$4.50@5; canners, \$3.50@4.50; best heavy bulls, \$6@6.25; bologna bulls, \$5.25@5.50; stock bulls, \$4.75@5; feeders, \$6.50@7; stockers, \$5.50@6; milkers and springers, \$4@9.

Veal calves: Receipts, 378; market steady; best, \$10@11.25; others, \$7@9.50.

Sheep and lambs: Receipts, 6,075; market steady; best lambs, \$7.50; fair lambs, \$7@7.25; light to common lambs, \$6.25@6.75; fair to good sheep, \$4@4.75.

EAST BUFFALO.—Cattle.—Receipts, 6,000; market 15¢@25¢ lower; choice to prime native shipping steers, \$9.50@9.75; fair to good, \$8.50@9; plain and coarse, \$8@8.25; Canadian steers, 1,300 to 1,450 lbs., \$8.25@8.85; do, 1,100 to 1,200 lbs., \$7.25@8.10; choice to prime handy steers, natives, \$8.15@8.35; fair to good, \$7.50@8.75; light common, \$7@7.25; yearlings, \$8.25@9; prime fat heavy heifers, \$7.50@7.75; good butcher heifers, \$7.25@7.50; light do, \$6.25@6.75; best heavy fat cows, \$6.25@7; good butcher cows, \$5.50@6; canners, \$3.25@4; cutters, \$4@4.50; best feeders, \$7@7.50; good do, \$6.25@6.50; best stockers, \$6.50@6.75; common to good, \$5.50@6; best bulls, \$6.75@7.25; good killing bulls, \$6@6.25; stock and medium bulls, \$5@6; milkers and springers, \$3.50@5.

Hogs: Receipts, 22,000; market 25¢ lower; heavy, \$7.90@7.95; yorkers, \$7.85@7.90; pigs, \$7.

Sheep and lambs: Receipts, 10,000; market 10¢ higher; top lambs, \$8@8.15; yearlings, \$6.25@6.75; wethers, \$5.50@6.50; ewes, \$5@5.50.

Calves steady; tops, \$12; fair to good, \$10@11; grassers, \$4@6.

Grains Etc.

DETROIT.—Wheat.—Cash No. 2 red, \$1.13 1/2; December opened without change at \$1.17 1/2; advanced to \$1.19 and closed at \$1.18 1/2; May opened at \$1.24 1/2, advanced to \$1.26 and closed at \$1.25 3/4; No. 1 white, \$1.19 1/2; No. 2 mixed, 6 cents at \$1.09.

Corn.—Cash No. 3, 75¢; No. 3 yellow, 2 cents at 76 3/4¢, 2 at 77¢; No. 4 yellow, 75¢.

Oats.—Standard, 3 cents at 59 1/2¢, closing at 51¢; No. 3 white, 3 cents at 50¢, closing at 50 1/2¢; No. 4 yellow, 49 1/2¢.

Rye.—Cash No. 2, 91¢.

Beans.—Immediate, prompt and October shipment, \$2.15; November, \$2.20.

Cloverseed.—Prime spot, \$9; December, \$9.15; March, \$9.25; sample red, 26 bags at \$8.25, 17 at \$7.75, 12 at \$7.25 prime alsike, \$8.60; sample alsike, 12 bags at \$7.50.

Timothy.—Prime spot, \$2.60.

Alfalfa.—Prime spot, \$9.25.

Hay.—Carlots, track Detroit: No. 1 timothy, \$16@16.50; No. 2 timothy, \$14@14.50; No. 3 timothy, \$11@12; No. 1 mixed, \$12@12.50; No. 2 clover, \$11@12; rye straw, \$7.50@8; wheat and oat straw, \$7@7.50 per ton.

Flour.—In one-eighth paper sacks, per 196 lbs, jobbing lots: Best patent, \$6; second patent, \$5.50; straight, \$6; spring patent, \$6.20; rye flour, \$5.80 per bbl.

Feed.—In 100-lb sacks, jobbing lots: Bran, \$24; standard middlings, \$25; fine middlings, \$32; coarse cornmeal, \$31; cracked corn, \$32; corn and oat chop, \$23 per ton.

General Markets.

Lemons.—California, \$4.50@5 per box.

Oranges.—Valencias, \$3.50@4 per box.

Pineapples.—Florida, \$4@4.50 per case.

Cranberries.—\$5.50@5.75 per bbl, \$2 per bu.

Apples.—\$1.50@2.50 per bbl and 50¢@75¢ per bu.

Cocoanuts.—\$4.50@4.75 per sack and 75¢ per doz.

California Fruits.—Grapes, \$1.15@1.25 per box.

Pears.—Bartlett's, \$1.75@2 per bu; sugar pears, 60¢@75¢ per bu.

Grapes.—Blue, 15¢@16¢; Niagara, 18¢@20¢; Delaware, 20¢@22¢ per 8-lb basket.

Tomatoes.—80¢@\$1 per bu.

Chestnuts.—10¢@12¢ per bu.

Cabbage.—Home-grown, 75¢@\$1 per bbl.

Dressed Calves.—Fancy, 16¢; common, 10¢@11¢ per lb.

Wolverine News  
Brevities

Ann Arbor.—There is a great deal of satisfaction on the Michigan campus over the fact that the regents have approved a petition of Albion college to co-operate with Michigan university in an engineering course, which will include five years of study all told, the first three years being taken in Albion, upon successful completion of the first engineering year here, the student will be granted an A. B. from Albion and will return to Michigan for his fifth year, upon the completion of which he will get his bachelor of science in engineering degree from Michigan.

Port Huron.—The steamer Robert L. Fryer is held in Pella river at Marine City and efforts to release her have so far been without result. The Fryer was being towed out of the river by one of the Reid tugs when she caught between the sunken wreck of the steamer Tampa and a submerged pile. The steamer, which was partially burned last spring, has been sold to parties in Winnipeg and was to have been fitted out preparatory to making the trip to a Lake Superior port. Several tugs are at work on her.

Linden.—Herbert Hoxie was shot and robbed of \$32 on the highway five miles south of Flint. Hoxie alighted and was placing side curtains on his buggy when a man with a gun ordered him to put up his hands. Thinking it was a joke Hoxie continued to place the curtains and was fired upon, the bullet causing a slight flesh wound in his neck. He then submitted to a search conducted by two men. Mrs. Hoxie hid \$10 and her diamond ring under the cushion and was not molested. The robbers escaped.

Howell.—Isaac Stowe, eighty-four years old, father of Probate Judge E. A. Stowe of Howell, and former state representative in 1874, died at his home in Iosco township. He came to Michigan with his parents from Vermont when six years old. He was for many years supervisor from Iosco township and was secretary of the Livingston Mutual Fire Insurance company. Funeral services with Masonic rites will be held at Iosco and the burial will take place at Howell.

Kalamazoo.—After fighting the state board of charities and corrections for years, the board of supervisors gave in and voted to expend \$12,000 on the county jail. The jail has been condemned yearly and the board always has fought every effort to have it repaired. A few months ago the state board advised the supervisors that if the jail was not repaired it must be allowed.

Sault Ste. Marie.—Persistent rumors are afloat that an aeroplane rises every night from a point south west of Sault Ste. Marie and sails over the rapids to the Canadian locks. There is a strict military guard at the locks and Austro-German prisoners are being held in the Canadian Soo. Members of the Canadian militia have been instructed to fire at any aeroplane.

Kalamazoo.—There will be no wedding bells for Tillie Vic at present. A few days ago Martin Hlaremb obtained a marriage license to wed the young woman. She returned the license to the county clerk's office declaring that she did not intend to wed him and wanted the license destroyed.

East Lansing.—To reduce the expenses of M. A. C. students, President Snyder in his annual report to the state board of agriculture recommended that a bakery, meat room and storehouse be provided. He estimates the cost at not more than \$8,000.

Lansing.—According to reports current at the state house, an effort will be made at the next session of the legislature to transfer the work of compiling vital statistics from the secretary of state's department to the state board of health.

Manistee.—With a record-breaking fruit crop and a below-normal demand, canning factories in this section are running day and night to take advantage of the low prices. Grapes are the only fruit being shipped out in any quantity.

Fenton.—Aviator O. E. Williams of Scranton, Pa., made a flight over Fenton in his aeroplane, accompanied by a guest. He rose from Woodhull Landing and passed over the village at a height of about two thousand feet.

Adrian.—Four Clinton men in an automobile plunged down a six-foot embankment at a spot known as "Kissing Hollow," between Clinton and Tecumseh, but no one was injured.

Hillsdale.—George Mason, eight-seven, died at the home of his son, W. G. Mason, known as "Big Mason," who has a nation-wide reputation as a Y. M. C. A. worker.

Lansing.—An effort to have the next legislature strengthen the state arson laws will be made by the fire marshal's department.

Lansing.—The annual report of State Land Commissioner A. C. Carton shows that the state owns 606, 087 acres of land in Michigan, of which 276,080 acres constitute permanent forestry reserves. Although very little land was sold by the state last year, the average price received per acre was \$7.55.

Flint.—Rev. S. O. Landis announced his resignation as pastor of the Central Christian church of this city. He will become an evangelist for the Church of Christ with Ohio Indians, Illinois, Iowa and Michigan as his territory.



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